<u>Forest Land- Nandurbar</u>
Re-Diversion of 0.43605 Ha. of Forest Land at Mewasi Forest Division for Laying Underground Optical Fiber Cable along the Road from Ranipur to Rapapur in Taluka-Taloda, Dist-Nandurbar in the State of Maharashtra.

Government of Maharashtra
Revenue and Forest Department
Government Order No.: FLD-16A25/CR.162/F-10
Mantralaya, Mumbai-400 032
Date:- 14.08.2026

Ref.:

1. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, MS, Nagpur Letter No. Desk-17/FCA-S1/PID-542005/Dhule/25-26/892, Dt.14.07.2025.
2. Revenue and Forest Department, Government of Maharashtra, Government Order No. FLD-16A25/CR.162/F-10, dt.09.10.2025.
3. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Letter No. Desk-17/FCA-S1/PID-542005/Dhule/25-26/698, Dt.24.06.2025.

Order :

Whereas, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur, vide his letter under reference No.1 has submitted a proposal to the State Government, which was received from M/s Bharti Airtel Ltd, Pune for re-diversion of 0.43605 Ha. of Forest Land at Mewasi Forest Division for Laying Underground Optical Fiber Cable along the Road from Ranipur to Rapapur in Taluka-Taloda, Dist-Nandurbar in the State of Maharashtra.

AND whereas, Government of Maharashtra after due consideration, vide its order under reference No. 2 accorded **'in-principle'** approval with certain conditions to above proposal for re-diversion of 0.43605 ha. Forest land under section 2 of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980;

AND whereas, the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur, vide letter under reference No.3 has submitted compliance of those conditions to the Government of Maharashtra;

NOW, therefore, in exercise of powers conferred to State Government under general approval given vide MoEF&CC, Government of India's Handbook of Guidelines for effective and transparent implementation of the provisions of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980. Government of Maharashtra is pleased to grant **Final Approval** for re-diversion of 0.43605 ha. Forest Land.

Therefore, the Government of Maharashtra directs that 0.43605 ha. Forest Land consisting of Reserved Forest land specifically described in the proposal submitted vide letter under reference No.1 and mentioned in the Schedule given below, be re-diverted to the User Agency, i.e. M/s Bharti Airtel Ltd, Pune for Laying Underground Optical Fiber Cable along the Road from Ranipur to Rapapur in Taluka-Taloda, Dist-Nandurbar in the State of Maharashtra.

This approval for diversion of forest land is also subject to compliance of following conditions by the User Agency-

1. Deputy Conservator of Forests (T), Mewasi Forest Division, Taloda shall ensure compliance of the condition no. 2 & 15 in 'in-principle' order dated 09.10.2025, before actual handing over the forest land to the user agency.
2. The diversion shall be effected subject to the terms and conditions mentioned in the Order dated 09.10.2025.
3. For ensuring the compliances and for monitoring the duly prescribed activities and also to carry out other statuary duties, user agency shall facilitate unhindered access/entry in the area to the local forest Officer. In case the user agency prohibits the free access or create hindrances, the permission given under this Order for the diversion of forest area for the non-forest use shall be withdrawn.
4. The Chief Conservator of Forests / Deputy Conservator of Forests will reconfirm that Compliances under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 and Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 are not needed for the project.
5. The User Agency shall comply with all the conditions stipulated in the above mentioned 'in-principle' and in this order of Government of Maharashtra. Conservator of Forests (T), Dhule shall ensure the strict compliance of the conditions by the User Agency. CCF will furnish the report in this regard to Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer, Maharashtra State, Nagpur from time to time.
6. Non-compliance of any of the conditions mentioned in Government of Maharashtra's order dated 09.10.2025, in this order and Rules and Guidelines made / issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 shall amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken accordingly.
7. In case of non-compliance of any of the above conditions, the concerned Chief Conservator of Forests / Deputy Conservator of Forests shall report through the State Government to Deputy Director General of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur as per procedure laid down in the guidelines under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.

SCHEDULE

Sr. No	Item Of work	Name of Village	Forest land					
			Compt. No.	Gut No.	L x W (mts)	Area in (sq. mtr.)	Area in (ha.)	Legal Status
1	Re-Diversion of 0.43605 Ha. of Forest Land at Mewasi Forest Division for Laying Underground Optical Fiber Cable along the Road from Ranipur to Rapapur in Taluka - Taloda, Dist- Nandurbar in the State of Maharashtra.	Ranipur	488	8	1100 x 0.5	550	0.0550	RF
2		Ranipur	489	8	20 x 0.5	10	0.0010	RF
3		Padalpur	487	56/1	1805 x 0.5	902.5	0.09025	RF
4		Kothar	433	48/1	105 x 0.5	75	0.0075	RF
5		Lakkadkot	433	28/1/A	2290 x 0.5	1145	0.1145	RF
6		Rapapur	437	12/1	3356 x 0.5	1678	0.1678	RF
	Total						**0.43605**	

This Government Order is available on Government of Maharashtra's website www.maharashtra.gov.in with reference no. 202608141608515340. This order has been signed digitally.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra,

SANJAY NAMDEO JADHAV

Digitally signed by SANJAY NAMDEO JADHAV
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(Sanjay Jadhav)
Under Secretary to the Government of Maharashtra

Copy to:

1. Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi.
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), M.S., Nagpur.
3. Deputy Director General of Forest (Central), Integrated Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India, Nagpur.
4. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), M.S., Nagpur.
5. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, Nagpur.
6. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & CEO (Maha-CAMPA), Nagpur.
7. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Conservation), Nagpur.
8. Collector, Nandurbar.
9. Chief Executive Officer, Zilha Parishad, Nandurbar.
10. Conservator of Forests (T), Dhule.
11. Deputy Conservator of Forests (T.), Mewasi Forest Division, Taloda.
12. M/s Bharti Airtel Ltd, Pune.
13. Select File-F-10.

I. Collector- Nandurbar, Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Nandurbar and Deputy Conservator of Forests, Mewasi Forest Division, Taloda are hereby directed to forward the copy of this order to concerned Heads of Local Bodies, Panchayats, Municipal Bodies in addition to the relevant offices of the Government and they shall also ensure the display of this order on their notice board as well as on the notice board of local self-government bodies for the information of general public.

II. M/s Bharti Airtel Ltd, Pune is hereby directed that they should publish the entire order of forest clearances granted in verbatim along with the details of Survey No., Gut No., area and legal status of each Survey, Gut No. etc. along with the conditions and safe guards imposed by the State Government while granting forest clearances in two widely circulated daily newspapers, one in vernacular language and other in English language. Copy of the Newspapers be submitted to Conservator of Forests (T), Dhule & Deputy Conservator of Forests (T.), Mewasi Forest Division, Taloda.

III. Heads of Local Bodies, Panchayats and Municipal Bodies in addition to the relevant offices of the Government are hereby directed to display the same on their notice board for 30 days from the date of receipt for the information of general public.